

# CONGRESSMAN STEVEN HORSFORD



## TERM IN REVIEW

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEVADA





Friends,

My commitment to you remains the same – to promote and revitalize Nevada's 4th Congressional District, and to protect the health and economic opportunities of its residents.

I am proud of everything we've accomplished in both the District and in Washington, D.C. Over the course of the 116th Congress, I have **introduced 25 bills** and **recovered \$6,243,415.32** in federal monies through casework, grants, and Paycheck Protection Program loans for the constituents of District 4.

I look forward to continuing to fight for you and your families as we secure affordable health care, create economic opportunities, and heal our communities following the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# DISTRICT 4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**\$6.24M**

in federal monies recaptured  
through casework, grants,  
and PPP loans

**1,329**

cases opened relating to Social  
Security, veterans' benefits,  
unemployment, and more

**3,408**

community events & meetings  
attended by Congressman  
Horsford and staff

**105,787**

answered phone calls, letters,  
emails and other constituent  
correspondence



# DISTRICT 4 SUCCESS STORIES

Glenn A. reached out to Congressman Horsford's office on June 2, 2020 about a Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) back pay claim that was submitted in 2013. In March of 2020, Glenn received a court-ordered decision that his claim was approved, but the Social Security Administration (SSA) had not yet complied with the order.

Congressman Horsford's staff opened an inquiry with SSA and facilitated Glenn's document submission. After consistent follow-up from our staff, SSA notified our office in July that **Glenn received \$67,738.85 in SSDI back pay.**

Mike P. is a dialysis patient who has been waiting for more than two years for a kidney transplant. He contacted Congressman Horsford's office for assistance in reinstating his Medicare Part B plan, which was cancelled due to a lack of payment. Congressman Horsford's staff was able to assist with reinstating Mike's benefits.

However, his Medicare Part B plan was cancelled again due to a clerical error while he was finalizing the process to receive his kidney transplant. **Congressman Horsford's staff intervened and was able to reinstate Mike's Medicare Part B benefits,** allowing him to continue with the process of receiving a kidney transplant.

Abigail M. contacted Congressman Horsford's office to request assistance with her husband's visa case. Abigail and her two daughters had been living in the United States while waiting several years for her husband's visa from Mexico to be processed.

Due to a health emergency, Congressman Horsford's office succeeded in expediting the visa approval process for Abigail's husband. **The family of four was reunited** in November 2020 after many years of separation.



# HEALTH CARE

My top priority for Nevadans is to ensure access to affordable health care and bring down out-of-pocket costs. I am fortunate to serve on the House Ways and Means Committee, the first committee established in the United States Congress, which oversees all tax-related policy and is pivotal for the future of health care policy in this nation.

I have introduced key legislation to **reduce drug costs for Nevadans**.

- The **Elijah Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act** would reduce drug prices for Americans across the country and stop pharmaceutical companies from hiking up the costs of necessary and life-saving medications.
- The **Capping Drug Costs for Seniors Act**, would create an out-of-pocket prescription drug cap at \$2,000, saving American seniors thousands of dollars on life-saving medication.
- The **Medicare Dental Act** would allow Medicare beneficiaries to have access to dental coverage for most dental services such as preventive dental care, routine dental treatments, and dentures.



29%

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, nearly three in 10 Americans skipped prescribed medications last year due to cost.



# HEALTH CARE cont'd

I support **protecting the Affordable Care Act (ACA)** because the stakes are too high for Nevadans. More than half of all Nevadans live with a pre-existing condition. The ACA has insured that more than 371,000 people in our state and has also helped approximately 1.2 million Nevadans with private health coverage gain access to free preventative care like immunizations and cancer screenings.

I voted on legislation to improve health care for Americans by building on key provisions in the ACA.

- The **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act** will lower costs, expand coverage, and strengthen protections for those with pre-existing conditions. This bill makes health care more affordable by lowering health insurance premiums with strengthened and expanded affordability assistance.

I introduced legislation to guarantee health insurance for workers in the event of a job loss or furlough.

- To protect Nevadans during the coronavirus pandemic, I introduced the **Worker Health Coverage Protection Act** to provide financial assistance to workers and families by covering the full cost of COBRA premiums for people who lose their jobs or have their hours reduced due to COVID-19. The bill also protects access to health care coverage for workers who are furloughed by covering their health insurance premiums until they return to work.



371k

The Affordable Care Act has given more than 371,000 Nevadans access to health insurance since it was signed into law 10 years ago.

# JOBS & THE ECONOMY

I am fighting for legislation that not only provides our workforce with the skills and training it needs, but makes sure we are creating good-paying jobs for our workforce to fill so Nevada's economy can get back on track.

I have introduced legislation designed to prepare Nevada's workforce for good-paying jobs of the future and to diversify the Silver State's economy.

- I worked across the aisle to introduce the **JOBS Act**, a bipartisan bill that would make Federal Pell Grants accessible to all Americans enrolling in job training programs that may have seemed out of reach or unaffordable without federal assistance. I introduced the JOBS Act to bridge that gap and open those opportunities up to a wider swath of capable Nevadans and all Americans.
- I introduced the **SKILL UP Act** to make job training programs more accessible to employers by offering an additional tax credit for employers that hire Work Opportunity Tax Credit-eligible employees and invest in those employees with job or skill training programs that lead to higher wages and advancement within the company.
- Nevada faces a dire shortage of doctors and nurses, a problem made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why I introduced the **Health Providers Training Act**, which would allow local hospitals to receive health professions opportunity grants so that they can help train Nevadans to become nurses, medical aides, home health aide, or other much-needed health care positions.





# COVID-19 RESPONSE

Every corner of Nevada has been affected by this pandemic, which is why I have fought to provide immediate relief for families to survive this virus. Nevadans are seeing record-level unemployment numbers. While we saw some slight improvements in September, the Bureau of Labor statistics reported a total U.S. unemployment is 12.6 million Americans. Our state currently has nearly 200,000 Nevadans facing unemployment.

Nevadans have contacted me daily regarding unemployment concerns. I introduced key legislation to address struggling unemployment claims systems and provide much-needed economic relief.

- I introduced the **"Back on Your Feet" Act**, legislation that would extend the federal unemployment assistance of \$600 per week and provide a one-time benefit of \$3,600 to those reentering the workforce during the pandemic. This legislation will support our economy and help thousands of Nevadans get back on their feet as we continue the path to recovery.
- The House-passed **HEROES Act** included a key provision from my bill, the **"Back on Your Feet" Act**, which would require the Department of Labor to report on the unemployment insurance (UI) processing backlog and develop a corrective action plan on the backlogs.
- I took the first steps at the start of the pandemic to address our crisis response, by introducing the **Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020**, which was passed into law in the **Families First Coronavirus Response Act**. My bill provided \$1 billion to all states to fund staffing, information technology, and other costs related to administering UI, so long as they ensured workers who lost their jobs receive notice of the availability of these earned benefits from their employer and could access the UI system.



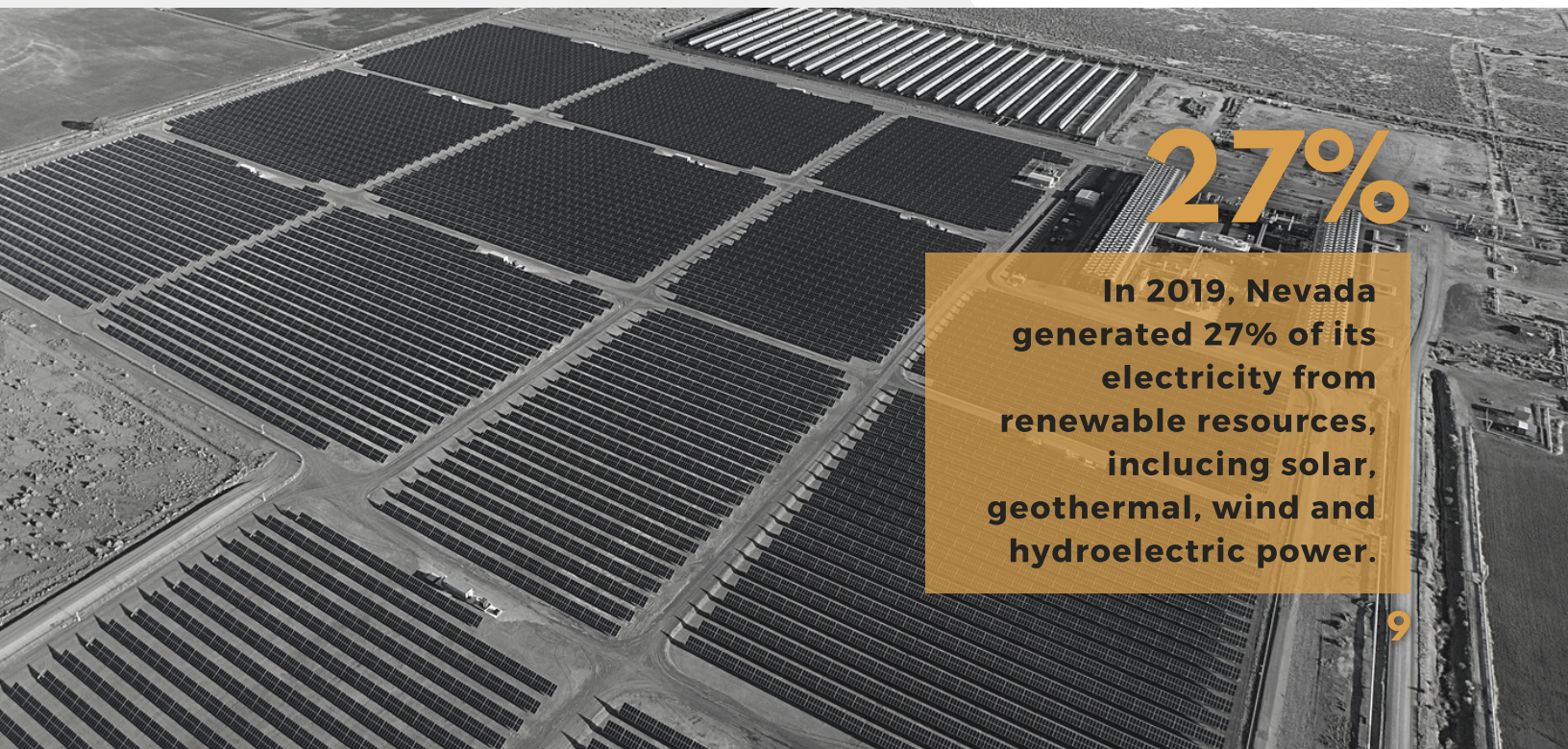


# ENVIRONMENT

With more than 300 days of sunshine per year and the most geothermal reserves in the United States, Nevada has enormous clean energy potential. As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee and the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, I'm fighting to make Nevada a clean energy leader and hub for good paying jobs in renewable energy industry.

I have introduced legislation that will cement Nevada's status as an economic hub for clean energy.

- Nevada has the most geothermal energy potential of any state in the U.S. The **Geothermal Energy Opportunity (GEO) Act** would give geothermal energy companies an investment tax credit, encourage job creation, and lower energy prices in my District. The House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis unveiled a comprehensive congressional climate action framework, which included my GEO bill, as part of the bold climate action plan to reduce carbon pollution, create much-needed jobs to rebuild our economy, and tackle the systemic injustice of environmental racism head-on.
- The **Establishing Green Jobs and Opportunity Act** would require the Department of Labor to develop a report on current and future trends within the clean energy technology industry. It would also provide grants to educational institutions, trade schools, and labor organizations, to establish flexible training programs to reduce any labor shortages and skills gaps.



# 27%

In 2019, Nevada generated 27% of its electricity from renewable resources, including solar, geothermal, wind and hydroelectric power.



# ENVIRONMENT cont'd

Climate change is an existential crisis that threatens our children's futures, and the futures of our children's children. As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee and the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, I'm taking bold action to address the ever-growing threat of climate change and stop the effects of carbon emissions and pollution. In Nevada, climate change has led to more natural disasters, record heat waves and water shortages, and the spread of invasive species.

I have taken action to mitigate the effects of climate change in Nevada and protect its pristine outdoors and native wildlife .

- I support the **Climate Action Now Act**, which would require that the United States rejoin the historic Paris Climate Agreement and requires the President to develop and adhere to a plan for the U.S. to meet our commitment to future generations. This bill would keep the U.S. on track to meeting the emissions targets established in the Paris Climate Agreement.
- I introduced a key amendment to preserve primary jurisdiction for the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service of the **Desert National Wildlife Refuge** and increases access to the Refuge for Tribal communities and the Fish and Wildlife Service. My proposal would also establish an intergovernmental committee to improve range management while ensuring our brave service members at Nellis Air Force Base and the Nevada Test and Training Range can train safely and effectively to ensure our national security.



**\$898M**

In 2019, air pollution and the effects of climate resulted cost Nevadans more than \$898 million in health care costs due to increased rates of heart disease and asthma..



# YUCCA MOUNTAIN

I fought hard to ensure that no funding would go to the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository which is opposed by the vast majority of Nevadans. This ill-conceived project has been debated for over 30 years, and I am proud to have worked to ensure that the project does not come to fruition.

The United States has maintained a moratorium on explosive nuclear weapons testing since 1992, but there are currently no constraints on the president's ability to authorize new testing.

That is why I introduced the **No Nuclear Testing Without Approval Act** which would establish a congressional approval process for future testing while enabling the National Nuclear Security Administration to sustain its central mission to maintain the safety, security and reliability of the United States' nuclear weapons stockpile. The legislation would require a Joint Resolution of Approval for any proposal to resume explosive nuclear testing, which would have to be justified based on another foreign state conducting a nuclear test or a technical need to conduct a test. In the instance of technical need, there would be an expedited floor process that would still allow sufficient time for Congress to fully deliberate the administration's rationale.

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